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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Hiroyuki KIYOKU, Shuji NAKAMURA, Tokuya KOZAKI,
Naruhito IWASA, Kazuyuki CHOCHO
NITRID SEMICONDUCTOR GROWTH METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATE, AND NITRID SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
Assignee: **NICHIA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD.**
Our Ref: Q66212

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/603,437 (Confirmation No. to be assigned) filed June 23, 2000, of Hiroyuki KIYOKU, Shuji NAKAMURA, Tokuya KOZAKI, Naruhito IWASA, and Kazuyuki CHOCHO entitled NITRID SEMICONDUCTOR GROWTH METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE, AND NITRID SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 8 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior applications. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and PTO Forms 1449 listing references cited by applicants and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent applications.

The assignment was recorded December 9, 1998, at Reel 9885, Frame 0368.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1765.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

Please enter the preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: Cancel claims 5, 7, 13-15, 18-22, 24, 26-47, 50-176, and 186 from the original disclosure, amend claims 23 and 184, and enter new claims 187 and 188 as provided in the Preliminary Amendment.

The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/603,437 filed June 23, 2000, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/202,141 filed December 9, 1998, which is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/JP98/01640 filed April 9, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application Nos.:

9-093315 filed April 11, 1997,

9-174494 filed June 30, 1997,



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9-181071 filed July 7, 1997 ,
9-201477 filed July 28, 1997,
9-277448 filed October 9, 1997,
9-290098 filed October 22, 1997, and
9-324997 filed November 26, 1997.

The certified copies of the priority documents were filed in parent Application No. PCT/JP98/01640 filed April 9, 1998.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | <u>27</u> | - | <u>20</u> | = | <u>7</u> | x | \$18.00 | = | <u>\$126.00</u> |
| Independent claims | <u>4</u> | - | <u>3</u> | = | <u>1</u> | x | \$84.00 | = | <u>\$84.00</u> |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$740.00</u> |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee | | | | | | | | | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | | | <u>\$950.00</u> | |

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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